

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and for the purpose of ensuring that the proper claim to priority appears in the specification. This request had previously been made in a Preliminary Amendment dated December 3, 2003, but applicants note that the information did not appear in the published document and cannot otherwise verify that the amendments had been entered. The present request differs only from the request made on December 3rd in that the information has been updated to reflect the fact that U.S. Application Serial No. 10/315,440 has now issued as US Patent No. 6,718,089.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment to deposit Account No. 10-0750/IND38DIV/MJS.

Should any minor points remain prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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